

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

STEVE MACRINA, Individually and On
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

J. ROGER MOYER, JR., THOMAS
DAUTRICH, GEORGE W. GRANER,
EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC, and BANK
OF LANCASTER, N.A.,

Defendants.

No. 07 Civ. 4108 (JGK)

BRIAN JOHNSON, Individually and On
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP., J. ROGER
MOYER, JR., J. BRADLEY SCOVILL, and
TITO L. LIMA,

Defendants.

No. 07 Civ. 4652 (JGK)

CASTLE STRATEGIC TRADING, LLC,
Individually and On Behalf of All Others
Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

J. ROGER MOYER, JR., THOMAS
DAUTRICH, GEORGE W. GRANER,
EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC, and BANK
OF LANCASTER, N.A.,

Defendants.

No. 07 Civ. 5594 (JGK)

JEFFREY M. COOLEY, Individually and On
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP., J. ROGER
MOYER, JR., J. BRADLEY SCOVILL, and
TITO L. LIMA,

Defendants.

No. 07 Civ. 5694 (JGK)

**DECLARATION OF CATHERINE A. TORELL IN SUPPORT OF MOTION OF
KENNETH A. SMITH FOR APPOINTMENT AS LEAD PLAINTIFF, APPOINTMENT
OF LEAD COUNSEL, AND CONSOLIDATION OF RELATED ACTIONS**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Catherine A. Torell, declare as follows:

1. I am a member in good standing of the New York bar and admitted to practice in this District. I submit this declaration in support of the motion filed by Kenneth A. Smith (“Movant”) to: (1) appoint Movant as Lead Plaintiff; (2) appoint Lead Counsel for the class; and (3) consolidate all pending related actions.

2. Attached as exhibits hereto are true and correct copies of the following:

Exhibit A: Notice of filing of a complaint to shareholders of Sterling Financial Corp., dated May 25, 2007;

Exhibit B: Certification of Movant;

Exhibit C: Firm Biography of Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll, P.L.L.C.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: July 24, 2007

_____/s/ Catherine A. Torell_____
Catherine A. Torell